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Legal No. 19634 Opportunity to Object to the Rock Pit Development, Operation, and Additional Reclamation activities on the Coconino National Forest Laura Jo West, Forest Supervisor of the Coconino National Forest, has prepared an environmental assessment (EA), finding of no significant impact (FONSI), and draft decision notices (DNs) for two separate decisions authorizing up to eighteen rock pits and additional reclamation on the Coconino National Forest. The first decision, Sixteen Rock Pits and Additional Reclamation on the Coconino National Forest, would authorized rock pits for which no specific public comments were received. The second decision, would authorized rock pit development and authorization for the Saddle Mountain Cinders Pit and Hostetter 2 Pit on the Coconino National Forest, for which several public comments were received after the release of the preliminary Environmental Assessment. The proposed projects will fulfill a need for economic and practical sources of rock material to maintain safe driving surfaces and reduce water runoff and erosion on unpaved roads throughout the Coconino National Forest. To meet this need, eighteen rock pits on the Coconino National Forest have been approved for development, operation, and subsequent restoration, out of a total of 37 potential rock pits that were analyzed for suitability on the Coconino and Kaibab National Forests. In response to public comments received, seven existing, out-of-use rock pits on the Coconino were analyzed for reclamation potential and three have been approved for reclamation in the first draft DN. The EA, FONSI, and draft DNs are available on-line at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=34858>. These documents are also available for review at the Coconino National Forest Supervisor's Office. Additional information can be obtained from: Mike Dechter, 928-527-3416, mdechter@fs.fed.us. The actions proposed in the Sixteen Rock Pits and Additional Reclamation on the Coconino National Forest draft DN and the Hostetter 2 and Saddle Mountain Cinders Rock Pits on the Coconino National Forest draft DN are activities implementing a land management plan and not authorized under the HFRA, and are subject to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. How to file an Objection and Timeframe Please specify which decision to which you are objecting. Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with Â§218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities. Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Laura Jo West, Forest Supervisor, Coconino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1824 S. Thompson St. Flagstaff, AZ 86001, Fax: (928) 527-3620, objections-southwestern-coconino@fs.fed.us. Electronically filed objections may be submitted by email in word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and hypertext markup language (.html). Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Arizona Daily Sun. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection. At a minimum, an objection must include the following (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1.The objector's name and address, with a telephone number, if available; 2.A signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for email may be filed with the objection); 3.When multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector (verification of the identity of the lead objector shall be provided upon request); 4.The name of the proposed project, the name and title of the Responsible Official, and the name(s) of the National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented; 5.A description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and 6.A statement that demonstrates connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection. Incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in Â§218.8(b). It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer pursuant to Â§218.9. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. PUB: June 30, 2016 19634

